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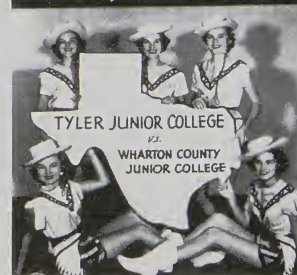
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EDITOR'S NOTE . . .

In this issue

You will meet a truly benevolent and devout couple when you read the words of Joseph Z. and Louise H. Ornelas. Bobbie Burks presents an uplifting account of the Ornelas' love and devotion to their family and each other, and to their commitment to help individuals and institutions of higher learning through their philanthropic generosity.

The early history of the Apache Belles is visited through the tribute given to the late Mildred Stringer and Alfred Gilliam—their induction into the TDDTEA Hall of Fame. The feature was written by Carla Bass, a student assistant in the marketing and public information office, directed by Fred Peters.

In turn, Peters penned the biographical sketch on Carla Bass being chosen All-USA Academic First Team. Bass is an accomplished young woman that we will no doubt hear more of as her career advances.

Fred Peters interviewed Dr. Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources and an expert on telecommunications, about his lectures at the Polytechnic University of Wroclaw, located in one of Tyler's sister cities, Jelenia Gora, Poland.

A brief profile highlights one of the two newly elected Trustees, Ann Snyder.

Apache Backers, a newly organized booster club for sports fans. The *Backers* is the creation of Dr. Ken Dance, vice president, as a way of better serving our loyal fans. See the ad on the inside front cover on how to join.

More about the upcoming anniversary year will appear in the Fall edition of *Apache*. We hope you can join us for a spirited homecoming '96!

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A *P*HILOSOPHY OF *P*HILANTHROPY

“WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS?”

*H*ow many people have dreamed of just what they would do with a large sum of money? Some would relieve their family's debt, others would fill a wish list they had been building all their lives. But a select few would choose to help others with donations to provide services or the basic needs of life.

Joseph and Louise Ornelas are such a couple. From self-described humble beginnings, this philanthropic pair have left their mark on a number of concerns over the years. Every dollar given has been given to make life better for all of us, with a great deal of their generosity having been directed at higher education, and one grateful beneficiary is Tyler Junior College. Their vision for the future has led them to make numerous gifts to the College, with their latest endowment, the Health and Physical Education Center on campus, which will now be renamed the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center in their honor.

“We’ve just been very close as our children grew up together,” said Louise’s long-time friend, Joyce Lauderdale, who now serves as the couple’s personal assistant. “We went through all kinds of things together, and Louise has always, ALWAYS, had a heart so much bigger than most. And she never could stand

to see anybody with a need that she could meet that she wouldn’t go meet it. She is very special—she is a very special lady.” When asked to use two words to describe her friend Louise, Joyce didn’t even hesitate. “Love and compassion,” she said. “Her Christian walk really matches her talk. She believes in living her religion, and she does.”

I had the pleasure of meeting the Ornelases in their beautiful home that has, according to a number of sources, been opened continually to a long string of friendly gatherings and dances, revealing their common passion for ballroom-style exercise. “I’m from Arp,” began Mrs. Ornelas. “I grew up in Arp, and I’m very proud of where I come from. I grew up in a pretty poor family, as most everybody did back in those days. I did not get the opportunity to go to school. My dad would have borrowed from the bank for me to go, but I chose to do it my way and it pretty much worked. From one thing to another, I became very successful. I’ve always felt that the Lord has been very good to me,

to us, and we need to give it back.” Louise continued, saying that one of the best ways for them to accomplish this goal was through buildings, facilities and scholarships that would help young people grow to reach their own potential.

“We’ve given quite a few scholarships to different schools, including Baylor and East Texas Baptist University, where we’re also in the process of making a third building possible. This latest is our second at TJC, and we’ve also done things for The University of Texas at Tyler. We just like to do things for schools! I think that long after we’re gone, these buildings will be there and students will be learning in them. It gives you a good feeling to know that you’ve had a little bitty part in a student’s life. I’m not college educated, so I really feel good in knowing that I had a small part in helping people get an education.”

When describing their philosophy of giving, the Ornelases smiled. “We have many people that come to us wanting donations for different causes, some from schools, others from churches, and other things, and we pray about what we are going to do,” said Louise. “We rely on the Lord for direction.”

Active philanthropy means more

BY BOBBIE BURKS

“WE NEED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER— EVERYBODY NEEDS TO LEARN TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”

than just giving money. It takes an incredible amount of time to field requests for assistance, investigate those requests, and then to make a decision on granting them. Balancing the time and money equation is often stressful and disheartening. “It’s pretty hard to do,” continued Louise. “It really is pretty hard to do, to balance the two. Sometimes we are very, very busy here for weeks and weeks at a time, then we’ll leave town just to go to a restaurant! It’s good to get away.”

And what is it about Tyler Junior College in particular that has endeared the institution to the Ornelas’ hearts? “I have been in Tyler since 1956,” said Mrs. Ornelas, “and in Arp before then. I’ve seen TJC grow from one little building out there and the ‘Tepee.’ It’s really interesting to watch a school grow like TJC has. I just have a special love for TJC. I know a lot—a LOT—of students that have gone through there, even people in my family. One of my sons, my youngest son, went to TJC and graduated from there, and my sister graduated from TJC. Just a lot of young people that I love very much have benefited from the school.” The couple’s close relationship with long-time college administrator Ken Dance and his wife, Bobbie, also strengthens their ties to TJC. “They make TJC even more special to me,” Louise added.

Aside from their love of young people and promotion of educational opportunities, the Ornelases have a number of other so-called “pet projects.”

“One of our favorites is the East

Texas Food Bank here in Tyler. And Russia—we’ve done things over there. We’ve helped to buy buildings to start a Christian school. We had a letter from the pastor recently that told us of how wonderfully the school is doing and that there are hundreds signed up to just get



Mr. and Mrs. Ornelas after announcing their gift during a meeting this spring of the TJC Board of Trustees.

into the school. It takes time to teach teachers, and for people to become Christians and to grow in that area.”

Their efforts in this outreach extend beyond mere financial assistance to a personal commitment and involvement. “He (the Russian pastor), his wife and two little daughters were here with us for a year after they became Christians,” said Mrs. Ornelas. “That’s really touching to me. And then Joseph has a daughter in mission work. She teaches students in South Carolina; international students that come over who have never even heard of Christ.”

“And then my daughter has been in

mission work since she was in ninth grade, and loves it, and loves the Lord so much. It’s really close to my heart—working for the Lord and seeing these young people grow. We just came back from visiting Joe’s daughter in South Carolina, and it is phenomenal to me to

see these students. They’re so on fire for the Lord, and want to give back what they have soaked up. Kids today have so much more to face than we ever did, the drugs, sex, and other things. I think they do quite well with what they’re facing, at least most of them. I think we should have a great concern for our young people coming up after these and try to make this world a better place for them.”

Joseph Ornelas nodded heartily in agreement with his wife, then added his own personal touches to their story. “I was born and raised in Piersall, which is south of San Antonio. I say Piersall because the little town we were born and raised in was a little bitty

town by the name of Moore, Texas, which is about the size of Arp. We lived out in the country, not just two or three miles out of town, but in the woods! My father was a very successful rancher, and when we were in school we had to walk three miles to catch the bus. You know how a lot of people joke about having to walk a mile, but they’re usually talking about a couple of blocks? Well, my kids didn’t believe I had to walk three miles to the bus stop, and this was after having to do a lot of things before we left. My particular job was to go out and milk three cows, and I did it until I was a sophomore in high

school. It was pretty hard for all of us, but it was great that we had that experience, because we learned to appreciate life a little bit more. Along with what Louise was saying, that's why we like to give back. We know how hard it was when we were young, and I guess that in a way, we're trying to make it a little easier for our young people, especially when it comes to getting a good education. Because today, without a good education, it's very, very hard. In fact, most people who do not have an education cannot find good work or a good-paying job. So we believe in giving back to our young people so they can educate themselves and have a better life. Our Lord has been so good to us and we're so blessed to have had the family we've had, the kids we've had, they are so enthused and they want to do so much for Christ. You want to do more for them and for all of the young people."

Joseph Ornelas continued with the couple's philosophy of educational support. "It just gives us a tremendous feeling of satisfaction to do this. We feel so blessed just to be able to lend a hand." Louise joined in "Joseph and I talk all the time about how blessed we are. That all of our children are Christians, a bunch of deacons. Both of his daughters graduated from seminary. We've got some really good kids!"

"But because we're so blessed," continued Joseph, "we feel it is our duty to give back so that they, the students we help, in turn, can give to their families when they grow up and mature."

On the heels of this profound statement of faith and intent, I got a chance to act out a little "Barbara Walters scenario," with this distinguished, yet humble couple.

I asked them to respond to this

question: "If you had one wish, what would it be?"

Mrs. Ornelas didn't even hesitate. "I wish this world could be at peace," she said, lowering her voice to a somber whisper that seemed almost prayer-like. "There's so much unhappiness with all the bombings, the killings—everywhere. It's all

around us." Mr. Ornelas echoed her sentiments. "There's so much hatred—so much." And his wife joined in again, "We need to love one another—everybody needs to learn to love one another.

Color of a person's skin should not make any difference. We need to learn to love each other and be at peace. If I had one wish that's what it would be, even though I know it says in scripture that it will never be."

"If we didn't have peace when Christ was here, it's difficult to imagine peace right now," said Joseph. "But we can still pray and hope for the best to that end. It's hard to continue to do that." Then he laughed. "Please understand, we're not perfect! Like most couples, we disagree on a lot of things, but one fact that we do have in common is the fact that we love our Lord very much, with all of our hearts, and we try to live that love. Sometimes circumstances and people we come into contact with make

that difficult, but we try to live our faith."

One cannot leave the presence of this couple without being profoundly impressed by their love of God and for each other. But even more impressive is their desire to return a portion of what they have gained through the years to



Some of the Ornelas family in attendance at the rededication of the Joseph Z. and Louise H. Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center at TJC on May 5, 1996.

those who are just beginning their lives. Through their scholarship and building gifts to institutions of higher learning like TJC, they have made it possible for some of today's young people to not only dream, but to live those dreams. Their philosophy of philanthropy can be summed up into three well-known words: "Do unto others," words taken to their hearts with love, and spoken by the Lord they love so much almost two thousand years ago.

I think He's proud of them.

I know that we are. 

(Mrs. Ornelas was awarded a distinguished Horatio Algier Award presented to her this spring in a ceremony held in Washington, D.C.)

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CARLA BASS

High Kick

Every time the Tyler Junior College Apache Belles take the field or stage, their high kicks, bright smiles and swirling skirts pass on the legacy left by founding director Margaret Stringer and choreographer Alfred Gilliam.

LEGACY

Their legacy will not only live on through traditions and performances of the Belles, but also in the Texas Dance and Drill Team Educators Association's Hall of Fame.

This association inducted Stringer and Gilliam at their Association Banquet January 5 in Houston, where current Apache Belle Director Ruth Flynn and Joe Holverson of Tyler, Gilliam's cousin, accepted the posthumous awards.

"Both of these individuals were instrumental in bringing Apache Belles to where the group is now," Flynn said. "I'm proud to be charged with the responsibility of carrying on the legacy they created."

After TJC, which had originally been part of the Tyler public school system, became an independent institution, President Harry E. Jenkins wanted the school to have some kind of girls drill team or "pep-squad."

After "helping out" with the drill team prior to their first performance at half-time of the TJC-Tarleton College football game September 27, 1947, Stringer began directing the Belles, then known as the Apache Roses. The name of the 35-member group changed to Apache Belles after Stringer was hired in December, 1947. She worked with them until she died in 1963, following a



In appreciation for the years of dedication and innovativeness you've given to our world of dance/drill team. Your inspiration has touched the hearts of many. Thank you for making our dreams a reality.

lengthy illness. Gilliam arrived to work as choreographer in 1948 and remained until his retirement in 1984.

"I didn't know that much about the organization (TDDTEA), so I was surprised in a way," Holverson said of the Hall of Fame designation. "But I was talking to some of Al's old friends, and when I told them about the award they said, 'Well, it's about time.'"

Members of the TDDTEA, which is made up of Texas high school and drill team directors, nominated people they considered pioneers in the drill team field at a convention last year. Kathy Wood, TDDTEA founder, charter member and past president, said that Stringer's and Gilliam's names "were definitely at the top of the list."



Joe Holverson, Alfred Gilliam's cousin, and Ruth Flynn, director/choreographer of Apache Belles accepting the posthumous awards for Gilliam and Stringer at the Association Banquet.

This list of dance and drill team pioneers inducted into the Hall of Fame also included Gussie Nell Davis, Lesby Ray (an honorary Apache Belles Gold member and Belle costume designer), Wayne Dribolt, Dennard Hayden, Prissie Sliva, Kathy Wood, Cynthia Parker (a former Apache Belle), Beverly Minaldo, and Dale Robbins, a Tyler native and dance and drill instructor who conducted workshops on the subject.

Woman Behind the Scenes

It took a special kind of person to transform the Apache Belles from the indefinite idea of a pep-squad to a world-famous drill team. TJC found this type of person in Mildred Stringer.

"Behind the scenes of Tyler's prettiest advertising, the Apache Belles, is a

woman who belongs to Tyler and East Texas as well as TJC," one 1962 *Tyler Courier-Times Telegraph* article about Stringer read.

The history of Mrs. Stringer and the Apache Belles can be unraveled by sifting through voluminous notebooks of newspaper clippings, photographs and ticket stubs from Belle and Band performances collected by former band director Edwin Fowler. He coordinated half-time routines with the Belles from 1949 until he was promoted to dean of men and student affairs in 1969.

"We worked very closely from the start," Fowler said. "It was fun."

During his work with the former Belles director, Fowler noticed that while Stringer wanted a group that could dance and perform well, her main goal was to teach each member how "to be a lady," Fowler said. "She was so interested in each individual

youngster. If one needed help she would be right there to help them."

Stringer, a native of Campbell who moved to Tyler in 1931, founded the Blue Brigade at Tyler High School before she became the Apache Belle director.

By 1948, Stringer and Gilliam began to recruit girls with beauty and talent and the Belles began appearing as



The Apache Belles as they appeared in the 50's.

hostesses at Tyler civic events.

"If anything happened in this town, the Belles were there," Fowler said.

Through the work of Stringer, young girls who had never left East Texas before gained opportunities to travel and perform throughout the state and nation.

Mrs. Fowler displayed a decoupage box covered with ticket stubs from the Belles numerous football game performances, including the Cotton, Sugar, Oil, Junior Rose and Bluebonnet bowls. Fowler also recalled the performance at the Colorado State Fair in 1951 when the Belles and Band appeared on the same program as General Dwight D. Eisenhower right before he announced his election bid for the presidency.

"Whenever we took the Belles and Band somewhere, people would say, 'That's the most well-mannered and well-behaved group of youngsters I've ever seen,'" Fowler said.

Since 1963, Mrs. Stringer has been followed as director by her close friend Eva Saunders, Anna Marie Carpenter, Athena Russell and current director, Ruth Flynn.

Creating a Trademark Style

While Mrs. Stringer put the final polish on the Belles' image, choreographer Alfred Gilliam perfected their distinctive dance style.

"Al had a real feel for dance and he made the Belles more than a drill team," Fowler said. "They were also a dance team."

By adapting chorus line routines to the football field, Gilliam created a group with both military precision and glamorous showmanship. Fowler said Stringer knew how she wanted the girls

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to dance, but Gilliam was the one who perfected this vision with his creative dance routines.

Gilliam first choreographed in the 1930s or 40s when his parents allowed him to turn the living room of their Tyler home into a dance studio.

Holverson, one of Gilliam's six living cousins, said that Gilliam was an only child and his parents supported him in any activity that he pursued.

A faded family photograph of Gilliam shows him as a child of approximately ten, posing with a young dance partner dressed in Rumba and Raggedy Ann and Andy costumes. His natural grace and style were already evident.

"Al just struck it rich as far as talent goes," Holverson said. "To me, he had out-of-this world abilities."

He first met Mrs. Stringer when he cheered for Tyler High School. After serving in the special entertainment services during World War II and attending several universities, he came to TJC as a full-time dance instructor for the Apache Belles in 1948.

Probably Mrs. Stringer's knowledge of his dancing ability prompted her to ask him to choreograph for the Belles, Holverson said.

Until his retirement in 1984, Gilliam designed the routines that would carry the Belles across the country. In the mid-1950's, *Look* magazine and a short movie special produced by Paramount, *Drilling for Girls in Texas*, featured Gilliam's high-kicking Belles. In 1967, the Belles appeared on national television three times in 20 days.

Their intricate routines, often accented by splashy props, such as miniature babygrand pianos, attracted Dallas Cowboys' officials to invite the Apache Belles to perform at a Cowboys' game in 1961. They would perform at many



Margaret Stringer

more Cowboys' games in the years to come. Gilliam continued choreographing after Mrs. Stringer's death.

"I think that he had numerous offers to go to bigger places, but he really didn't want to leave Tyler," Holverson said. "It was our good fortune that he wanted to stay. Al really contributed a lot to Tyler and the dance world."

Dancing Into the Next 50 Years

When the Apache Belles celebrate their 50th anniversary in 1997-98, Flynn hopes to rekindle the memories of the past forged by Stringer and Gilliam. Since joining the Belles in 1986, this former Kilgore Rangerette director said she has tried to incorporate the tradition and vision of these pioneers into her own performance and teaching style.

"I knew that when Mrs. Stringer started the Belles, she didn't want them to look like the Rangerettes. I tried to carry on that same idea that we

are a dance team designed to please the crowd and entertain," Flynn said.

When it was time to develop a new costume for the Belles in 1986, Flynn consulted designer Lesby Ray as well as a committee of former Apache Belles. She wanted to make sure that the new uniforms would reflect the traditional look of the dance and drill team.

"There has to be a flow of tradition from one group to another and one era

to another," Flynn said. "One of the main traditions that has kept us together has been the trip around the rim." Every Apache Belle since 1947 has marched around the rim of Rose Stadium before home football games. Before the 1997 Homecoming game, Flynn hopes to fill the rim with current and former Apache Belles.

"I'm usually about six months ahead as far as planning routines and events, but I have already started thinking about the 50th Anniversary Show," Flynn said.

With the assistance of alumna Michelle Hames, who was dance captain in 1988-89, Flynn is trying to contact every former Belle. Since there is no membership record of several years, they have resorted to using old yearbooks and word of mouth to build up

the Apache Gold alumni organization. Former Belles can contact Flynn or Hames at 903-510-2244 or the TJC Alumni Association at 903-510-2372.

By finding former members, Flynn hopes to create interest in alumni activities and the history of the Belles. Accepting the awards for Stringer and Gilliam impressed upon Flynn a need to preserve the past.

"The people who were inducted into this hall of honor were my heroes, and I thought, 'How awesome that I'm accepting an award for one of these pioneers,'" Flynn said. "The past seems more real to me now. I feel not only that I have had a part in it, but also very protective of our history."

Finding a location and funds for an Apache Belle museum is one of Flynn's long-term goals.

"I think both the girls and the public would enjoy looking at the memorabilia," Flynn said.

Even without a physical collection of the Apache Belle's past on display, the presence of this legendary dance and drill team creates a living museum of the traditions and legacies left by Stringer and Gilliam. 🏠



Alfred Gilliam

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CALLING POLAND ON THE WEB

Dean of Learning Resources Dr. Mickey Slimp spent four weeks in Tyler's newest twin city during March and April, leading lectures on telecommunications management at the Jelenia Gora, Poland, campus of Polytechnic University of Wroclaw, their equivalent of Texas A&M University.

"The purpose of the trip was to lecture on telecommunications and to provide an overview of where the field is going," Slimp said. Lecture topics ranged from business applications of telecommunications to how the subject affects the growth and structure of a community.

In addition to students from the Polytechnic's engineering program, Slimp's lectures and demonstrations of Internet-based software were attended by university staff.

The demonstrations, using software applications Quarterdeck Webtalk and Connectix Videophone, were limited by phone line access and a "bottleneck" in connections to the World-Wide Web, Slimp said. Expensive telephone line charges for the use of high-speed modems to connect to the web have, so far, discouraged Polish educators from implementing many distance learning applications.

"A dedicated phone line is almost unheard of (in Poland)," Slimp said.

However, change appears to be on the horizon. During his stay, Slimp and a Polytechnic engineer ventured to a telecommunications trade show in Lodz, a city near Warsaw.

"I was impressed at the number of vendors who were there, both European and American. With that amount of commercial interest, the telephone and cable services must be getting ready to open up."

Slimp provided instruction with the aid of an interpreter but was the lone Tyler delegate. The visit was arranged through Sister Cities International of Tyler and the Polish-American Association of Jelenia Gora after telecommunications applications emerged as a topic of interest when the two cities' delegates met over a year ago.

Slimp said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe, who serves on the local Sister Cities board of directors, recommended him for the assignment.

As in many European countries, students in

Poland take a placement examination in primary school to determine their eligibility for different universities. Those who are not eligible for higher education are placed in a career track which will find them studying at a technical or trades oriented high school.

"It has some advantages," Slimp said. "But, students who may not have developed so well at a young age lose a lot of options and a lot of potential creativity."

Slimp said he remains in contact with Dr. Zbigniew Malara, a professor at the Polytechnic University who also serves as president of the local Polish-American Association chapter and was Slimp's host; with Dr. Maciej Pawlowzki, president of the university; and with others in Jelenia Gora.

Slimp served as president of the Instructional Telecommunications Council, an organization which promotes instructional telecommunication efforts in the U.S. and Canada, 1995-96. He also serves on the national board of the Community College Satellite Network and the Telecommunications Advisory Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

He has served as dean of learning resources at TJC since 1988. He previously served as research faculty for the interactive video project in the physiology and pharmacology department at Auburn University, 1986-87; as curriculum design coordinator at East Texas State University, 1980-85; and as a reporter/cinematographer for WJHL television in Johnson City, Tennessee, 1973-78.

He earned a doctor of philosophy degree in educational media and technology from East Texas State University in 1986; a master of arts degree in instructional communication from East Tennessee State University in 1983; and a

bachelor of arts degree from East Tennessee State in 1976.

Slimp has directed TJC's distance learning program since his arrival and has served as a speaker on the topic of instructional communication methods.

Tyler Junior College, which has been offering instructional television courses since 1986, enrolls about 3,500 students annually, placing it among the top five instructional television service providers in the state. 🏠

by Fred Peters



DEVELOPMENT

Peltier Auto Lift Gift

Auto technicians from General Motors are providing training for East Texas auto mechanics made possible by the donation of an automotive lift by Robert Peltier of Peltier Nissan-Pontiac-Mitsubishi of Tyler.

Peltier provided the lift after learning it would be necessary for GM training to take place on campus.

Richard Minter, dean of program development and institutional research said the donation opened the door for GM auto technicians to begin training sessions. Training began in July in the mechanical trades building.

"General Motors wanted a training location at the College for certified technicians," Minter said. The lift will provide auto mechanic's certification and recertification through continuing education.

Minter said our instructors have been teaching the courses on location at John Tyler High School.

President Dr. William R. Crowe said he is optimistic that, in the future, the College might also provide specialized training similar to what the GM officials are currently offering.

"We'd love to see this develop into our offering more automotive training for GM or other groups in the future," he said.

Crowe added that auto service technicians were listed among the most hard-to-fill jobs, according to a recent issue of the *Kiplinger Washington Letter*.

It is also possible that a college credit program, offering associate degrees and/or certificates of proficiency, could be established, said Crowe. Such a program would require approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.



Robert Peltier, left, and Dr. William R. Crowe, right, with donated lift for GM training project.

Scholarship Toss

Boston Brown, a senior at Tyler's Robert E. Lee High School, claimed a \$500 scholarship for 1996-97 school year at Tyler Junior College. In February, Brown sunk his second half-court basketball toss during the College's first High School Seniors Night Scholarship Toss at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Ten registered participants each attempted two shots from half-court for a chance at two scholarships. The Scholarship Toss took place at halftime of the TJC Apaches' game against Jacksonville College.

All ten participants whose names were drawn from entries submitted prior to the game, received consolation prizes.

All service area high school seniors were admitted free by showing valid high school student identification.

Kenneth Lewis, dean of admissions, said the Scholarship Toss gives TJC "another opportunity to showcase our campus and academic offerings to high school seniors from throughout East Texas."

Brown was the only winner.



Dr. William R. Crowe, president, Boston Brown and Kenneth Lewis, dean of admissions.

Animal Science Journals Collection

Dr. Randall Grooms, professor and extension livestock specialist with Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Overton, recently donated a collection of more than 200 issues of the *Journal of Animal Science* to the agricultural sciences program.

Accepting the donation were Larry Pilgrim, instructor/director of agricultural sciences; Kenneth Lewis, dean of admissions; and Joan Jones, dean of business and technology.

The collection represented more than 25 years of study, Grooms said. "I hope this collection will be of benefit to the young people studying in this field," Grooms said in presenting the collection.

"We're happy to have this collection and I assure you it will be used extensively," Pilgrim said.

New Athletic Booster Club

Fans of Apache athletics now have the opportunity to show their support of football, basketball, baseball, soccer, golf, tennis and volleyball programs through an athletic booster organization—the *Apache Backers* (see inside cover for membership application).

Members of *Apache Backers* will receive an identification card which allows the card holder and one guest entry to all TJC regular-season athletic events during the upcoming 1996–97 season. Backers will be treated to two special social events, spring and fall; will receive a souvenir item which identifies them as a booster and they can attend other events held for particular TJC athletic programs.

The announcement was made in June by Dr. Ken Dance, vice president, who said, “This provides an additional opportunity for our many fans to show their support of Apache athletics and offers them a chance to guarantee admission to all our games with one purchase.”

Dance said the group would be treated to an old fashioned “tailgate party” at Rose Stadium, to be held prior to the Apaches’ football game against Ranger College on October 17. A spring event will focus on a basketball date when both men’s and ladies’ teams are scheduled to play.

Membership in *Apache Backers* is \$100 per participant.

Optician Technician Partnership

In May, the Certified Opticians Association of Texas announced the formation of a scholarship program for optician technician students attending Tyler Junior College.

“They have been very supportive of our program and I believe the partnership we have forged will provide continued opportunities for students and those working in the optician field,” said Steve Robbins, director/instructor of the optician technician program.

The \$500 scholarship will be presented to one qualified optician technician student.

TJC’s optician technician program is one of only a handful of such programs in the nation.

Allied Health Graduates Score High in Exams

Dr. Lou Ann Kuck, dean of the school of health and natural sciences, recently released certification examination results of 1995 graduates in the allied health fields, which includes ten programs.

“The success of our students (93% pass rate of combined programs) on these exams is indicative of the level of training students in allied health programs receive at TJC,” Dr. Kuck said. “Many of the programs returned success rates that far exceeded the national average.”

Genecov Gift

Felicity Reedy, treasurer of the Genecov Group, presented Tyler Junior College President Dr. William R. Crowe a check for \$10,000, completing Genecov’s \$30,000 commitment for an endowed service fellowship offered through the college for People Attempting To Help. Besides Reedy and Crowe, PATH executive director Nancy Lamar and former executive director of the TJC Foundation and PATH board member, C.C. Baker, Jr., attended the presentation in Crowe’s office.



Left to right:
Dr. William
R. Crowe,
Felicity Reedy,
Nancy Lamar
and C.C.
Baker, Jr.

Volunteer Internship Program

A pilot program developed by Support Services and coordinated by Melinda Coker, special populations counselor, matched students in the program with businesses in the community. The students worked in a business or department which helped them gain experience in their major area of study.

Businesses which participated during the spring and summer sessions were the Smith County Public Health District, KETK-Region 56, Smith-Barney, the East Texas Crisis Center, the University of Texas Health Center of Tyler and Mike Barham, Architect.

Eight students completed 100 hours of work at their internship sites during the spring session. Six students completed 80 hours of service during the summer session. “They realized that their internships were an important part of their educational experience. Most jobs today require some experience. Internships are becoming the most bankable credential a new graduate can put on a résumé.”

The following excerpts from a letter written to Coker from an intern offers these thoughts. “For what it is worth, I feel very happy and proud to have taken part in this internship project. It has been something that I cannot adequately put in words to describe what it has meant to me. Because of it (internship), I feel more encouraged than ever to keep going.”

The writer is a 50 year-old mother of four who has raised her children for the past 29 years and has concluded her first year of college with almost all A’s. She plans to complete two more internships before she graduates.

Speaking of her first internship experience, she said “But the one (internship) that I am now completing has opened a door far greater than even you may imagine. So, first I thank my God, and then I thank you, Melinda Coker.”

#1 With Home Page

On May 1, we became the first community or junior college in northeast Texas to offer a campus-based "home page" on the Internet, said Dean of Learning Resources Dr. Mickey Slimp.

Although the college has had an Internet presence on America Online since January, the home page became available when the web site became operational in May.

The file server on which the TJC home page is located was purchased with funds allocated by the legislature in 1995 to increase access to higher education in East Texas, Slimp said.

In addition to providing Internet-based information for potential students or their parents worldwide, the web site will be used for Internet-delivered courses.

"This will be a great tool not only for recruitment, but for learning," said President Dr. William R. Crowe.

Information categories available on the home page include: clubs, teams and organizations, continuing education and training, Small Business Development Center, campus tour, student services, calendar of events, study options, alumni and help/directory. External links will take browsers to the city of Tyler web page, the University of Texas at Tyler and other sources of information on East Texas.

"Building and maintaining a web site is an ongoing process and we hope to continue to update and improve our home page," said Fred Peters, director of marketing public information.

Computer users with a modem and access to an Internet browsing software application can find the TJC home page at (<http://www.tyler.cc.tx.us>).

Kelly-Springfield Supports TJC Foundation

Steve Day, director of manager training for the Tyler Kelly-Springfield plant, presented a \$2,500 check to President Dr. William R. Crowe. The unrestricted contribution was accepted by the TJC Foundation.



Bill Crowe and Steve Day of Kelly-Springfield.

America's Job Bank

Tommy Tooker, director of career planning and placement, announced that beginning with the Fall 1996 semester, students, potential students and alumni can take advantage of a new computerized national labor exchange network to seek full- or part-time employment.

The service, America's Job Bank, is accessed through the Internet and will be provided by career planning and placement, located on the second floor of the Pirtle Technology Building (Room 202). America's Job Bank links approximately 1,800 state employment service offices nationwide. Most of the jobs listed are full-time and the majority are in the private sector, Tooker said.

"It provides job seekers with the largest pool of active job opportunities available anywhere," said Tooker. "For employers, it provides rapid, national exposure for job openings."

Alpha Omicron Chapter Racks up Awards

Members of Alpha Omicron, TJC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, brought home three awards from the annual international convention of this junior college honor society, April 17-20, in Washington, D.C.

Service vice president, Adam Daley, and Alpha Omicron advisor, Judy Turman, were honored at the Hallmark Awards Gala, April 20.

Daley, a sophomore, earned the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Members Award. "This award means more to me than any other academic honor I have ever received," Daley said.

Turman, an English instructor, earned the Continued Excellence for Advisors Award, which recognizes 25 advisors each year who have previously earned the Robert Giles Distinguished Advisor Award. She also earned the Mosal Scholar Award, which placed her as one of ten advisors to receive a \$2,000 stipend to use for continued education.

"Getting involved with Phi Theta Kappa is one of the best things I have ever done," Turman said. "I am honored to lead this organization along with my co-advisor Gigi Beaton, who has also won her share of awards over the years."

New TJC Trustees

Following the election on May 4, two new trustees, Hollis F. Pinyan and Ann Snyder, and one returning trustee, A.D. Clark, took their seats at the May 9 meeting of Tyler Junior College District Board of Trustees. County Judge Larry T. Craig, '59, administered the official oath in TJC's White Administrative Services Center Board Room.

Dr. Jim Vaughn, '32, retired after serving 46 years and Harry L. Loftis, '42, served the College as a trustee for 30 years. Loftis was defeated in his reelection attempt.

ON CAMPUS

Meet Ann Snyder

(A brief profile follows of one of the two newly elected trustees, Ann Snyder, who is also the first woman to serve on the board since 1966.)

Upon first meeting Ann Snyder, you are immediately taken by her openness, energy and inquisitiveness, which partly explains her ongoing quest for education. She has a devotion to running about as strong as her desire for frozen yogurt. Perhaps one of the special traits Snyder has is the unique ability to not only listen but question. She is interested in people and what makes them who they are.

TJC's new trustee was born Ann Marie Kanzelberger in Manitowac, Wisconsin, a friendly midwest community located on Lake Michigan. Her parents still live there and she enjoys visiting at least once a year.

Following graduation from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Snyder taught school for a few years, got married, moved to California and began raising her family.

She joined Nordstrom company when they first expanded into southern California from their headquarters in Seattle. Snyder advanced to the position of director of human resources and training for 16 facilities totaling 30,000 employees.

In explaining the unique Nordstrom philosophy, that stated the customer must always be served, regardless of what effort is required. Snyder said training the sales staff is the basis for the company's success. Nordstrom's customer satisfaction has proven to be the company's best form of advertising. It relates so well to the TJC philosophy, which is also to serve our student customers and assist them in their journey to completion of their goal. "Dr. Crowe is a natural at this and is a tremendous asset," Snyder said.

Snyder's life with her husband, Erin W. Samuel Snyder (he prefers Sam) has been an adventurous one. Commander Snyder is a retired U.S. Navy carrier pilot and combat veteran of Vietnam. Following retirement from the military, they have lived and travelled around the world, from managing a commuter airline in Puerto Rico, to living and working in Tehran, Iran. While in Tehran, Ann taught political science and geography in a British-owned school to sons of the Iranian elite. When the fall of the Shah became more and more evident, they left the country, and none too soon according to Snyder.

The Snyders, having raised five children, who are now grown and reside in California, moved to Tyler eight years

ago. They sold their surplus businesses in California and opened Trade Zone Surplus Sales, "a man's paradise," said Snyder.

How does someone new to the community become so interested in TJC? After getting settled in Tyler, she decided to sign up for a course at the College where she has continued pursuing classes every semester. As one who has a desire and interest in keeping her mind busy learning, and a personality that draws people to her, Snyder naturally became acquainted with many faculty and students, who later developed into true friends. Many of those same friends encouraged her to run for one of the Trustee positions.

Later in the interview, when asked what kind of advice would she give the traditional students she knows, Snyder paused and measured her response carefully. "I am so impressed with the youth of today—they could give me advice." She hesitated before continuing, "There is this wonderful capability the youth of today have to set goals. The students here know where they are going; they set goals and are totally confident they

will get there," Snyder emphasized. "So the advice I would give is to set goals in all areas of their life, not just education, but in family relationships, health and spiritual life." She follows her own advice.

Finally, this goal-oriented person is asked what challenges she is looking forward to, besides her commitment to serving the college. Snyder prefaces her latest goal with an explanation of her running and physical fitness program. "Several years ago, I took a course at TJC called Health and Physical Fitness taught by Peggy Wagstaff Smith." Snyder signed up, not knowing that a course requirement involved running a certain distance in a prescribed time to complete the course. Smith encouraged Snyder to keep trying and before the course was over, she had become a running devotee, now qualifying in competition races. After her mother recently returned from a trip to Ireland with glowing reports of the country, Snyder has set a new goal for 1997—to run in a women's marathon in Ireland.

One thing you can count on, Snyder will be as immersed and committed to conquering this goal as she has others in her interesting life.

(Look for Hollis F. Pinyan's profile in the Fall Apache.)



Newly-elected Board of Trustee members, Hollis F. Pinyan and Ann Snyder.

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Peterson Named TJC Athletic Director

The appointment of John Peterson as the new athletic director became official on June 7 when President Dr. William R. Crowe announced the 52 year-old Peterson would replace Dr. Billy Jack Doggett, who resigned to return to teaching.

During the past nine years, Peterson has enjoyed success as the tennis coach by winning nine NJCAA championships.

Peterson, a graduate of Buena Vista (Iowa) College, carries into the position the same attitude he brought when taking over as TJC's tennis coach. He wants to have the best overall program possible.

Success hasn't been lacking with Peterson's men's tennis team who won its third straight national title. His women's team finished second at this year's NJCAA Tournament after capturing three straight titles.

TJC's golf team won its third straight NJCAA Tournament Division II championship early this summer. The Apaches' soccer team placed third in this past season's NJCAA Tournament. The men's basketball team advanced to the NJCAA Tournament and the Apache Ladies reached the finals of the Region XIV playoffs. Football has struggled the past two seasons, but the Apaches have enjoyed past success on the gridiron as well. "Women's volleyball has been added this season and we plan to add other women's sports down the line," said Crowe "We feel John can do the job."

"We should be able to compete for a national title in every sport," Peterson said. "This is a great city, a beautiful campus. I know you can't do it every year, but we should be competitive. My goal is to help us reach that level."

My goal is to help us reach national title competition in every sport, Peterson remarked.

Promoting TJC athletics is one of Peterson's immediate goals. Community support in recent years has fallen, especially for football and baseball. "That's an area we need to hit," Peterson said.

"We want to get more people attending our games. I'm planning on ways to do that."

Get On With Your Life

The College embarked upon a new marketing campaign in June with the deployment of television, radio and billboard advertising designed by Sachnowitz & Company, a marketing and advertising firm based in Houston.

The new campaign is designed to increase awareness of the College and to position TJC for increased private assistance, said Dr. William R. Crowe, president.

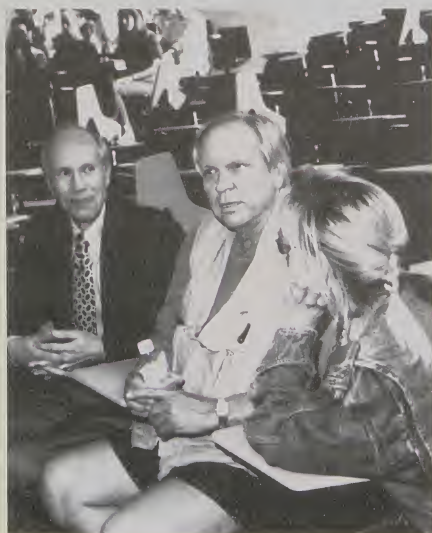
The campaign incorporates the theme "Get On With Your Life at Tyler Junior College."

"What we found in the study that was completed a couple of years ago was that most people knew about Tyler Junior College and felt good about us, but most people believed we had 3,000 or 4,000 students," Crowe remarked. What the campaign underscores is that TJC's reach to credit and noncredit students is actually 20,000 or more per year.

"We're excited at the opportunity to educate the Tyler area on the reach and impact that TJC has," said Larry Sachnowitz, president of the firm. "The College has a great story to tell."

As part of the new campaign, the College adopted a new logo. The new icon is represented on all new advertising, letterhead and other printed materials.

Another important part of the new campaign was filming the ads that are running on television. Bill Young Productions of Houston arrived on May 6 to begin filming. Susan Ellis, creative director for Sachnowitz and Bill Young, executive producer of the commercials worked together to capture the campaign concepts on film. They were assisted by Fred Peters, director of marketing and public information at the College. Students and faculty alike were excited to be "actors" in the films. After five days of shooting, the production company packed up and went home to do the editing and the campus settled back to normal.



Ashton Oravetz, instructor of business, takes direction from Bill Young, executive producer and Susan Ellis, creative director, while students wait for their moment in the spotlight.



Upcoming Dramatic, Musical & Cultural Events

September 10, 1996

Student Enrichment Series,
Gregory Alan-Williams
Rogers Student Center, 10 a.m.

October 3-8, 1996

Noises Off
Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.,
except on Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

October 11, 1996

Fall Band Choral Concert
Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 12, 1996

Fall Band Concert
Caldwell Auditorium

November 15-16, 1996

Pops Concert
Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 21-26, 1996

Amadeus
Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.,
except on Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

For more information call
903-510-2249

Faculty/Staff Briefs

Supreetha Arsikere, Staff Aide, Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, obtained certification on May 4 as a certified Nautilus trainer. She is the only female Nautilus technician for Nautilus.

Kilgore College Visual Arts Department presented the work of **David C. Murray**, art instructor and **Christopher Stewart**, instructor/director of the arts program at Tyler Junior College. The show was held in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Gallery on the Kilgore campus in March. Both artists have exhibited extensively in the United States and Europe.

Gene Gandy, director, emergency medical technology, who is also an attorney, was the speaker for an Emergency Medical Technician workshop on the campus of Alvin Community College. Gandy spoke of medical/legal issues facing the EMS professional today. He stated, "The medic out in the field must be knowledgeable about legal issues of treatment and still be able to maintain a high standard of care."

Brian Turman, director of purchasing and central services, is serving as the 1996-97 president of the National Association of Educational Buyers' Texas-Oklahoma-Arkansas-Louisiana Region. This region includes nine higher education institutions.

John Hayes, instructor/director of modern languages and **Dr. Elaine Graybill**, instructor, French/Spanish have established a bi-annual newsletter for the high school and college modern or foreign language instructor called *Liaisons*. Dr. Graybill said, "Liaisons is designed to create the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of information between the teachers in the high schools, colleges and the universities in our area."

Margie Noel, instructor of English, earned a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Grant, which promotes international study and is one of the most prestigious professional development programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Along with 13

other scholars, Noel flew to Casablanca in June where she spent five weeks studying in Morocco and Tunisia. "Scholars must commit to share the information they learn during the study with their students and community when they return home," said Noel.

Sandra Ramsour, staff aide, Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center and a certified pool operator, presented a program, "Water Chemistry and Public Safety" to the Texas Department of Health, Smith County Public Health District and the East Texas Chapter of the Texas Environmental Health Association in April.

Cathryn Cates, instructor of biology, attended the 1996 Tejas Girl Scout Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in Dallas, where she was honored for her role in adult training and implementation of older girl Program Aide training.

Shirley Bishop, **Dr. Lou Ann Kuck** and **David Ligon**, members of the faculty, recently took one of the first steps in the nationwide project designed to enhance college curriculum with information on American pluralism.

After working on the 12-member committee that submitted TJC's application for this project, sociology instructor Bishop, Kuck, dean of health and natural sciences, and government instructor Ligon were selected to attend the *Exploring America's Communities: In Quest of Common Ground* conference in Los Angeles, California in March. "This one-year project, which falls in line with the College's Project 2001 educational master plan, will help us identify our similarities and incorporate this into the curriculum," said Bishop. The team will work throughout the year with mentor Carmen Salazer of Los Angeles Valley College, who will visit our campus during the year for an on-site evaluation. At least one member of the team will attend the National Conference in January 1997, where team members will meet to share their progress and experiences. In addition, the quarterly

Exploring America's Communities News will report on the colleges and will be distributed to community college presidents, academic deans and others.

Exploring America's Communities: In Quest of Common Ground is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and conducted in cooperation with the Community College Humanities Association and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Rebecca Foster, instructor of sociology/psychology, received recognition for her extensive work with ARC of Tyler (formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens) and her other community volunteer efforts for a 1996 Governor's Volunteer Award. Nominated by **Dr. Linda Watkins**, dean of liberal and fine arts, the award was presented at the Texas State Governor's Mansion during National Volunteer Week in April. Foster was also recommended by ARC vice president Virginia B. Kennedy.

Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi, instructor of government, participated in a "Community College Faculty Seminar," conducted by the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Khosrowshahi was one of 30 participants selected to receive a grant entitling him to all-expenses-paid participation in the seminar in June.

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan federal institution created by Congress to promote research, education and training on the peaceful resolution of international conflicts.

Dr. David Crawford, director of speech and theatre, was named the Texas Educational Theater Association Junior College Educator of the Year at the TETA convention in Houston. Dr. Crawford, teaching here since the fall of 1976, has served for three years as treasurer of TETA.

Crawford has directed 27 plays here and has written nine plays, two of which are published and have been produced on campus.

ALUMNI

Class Notes

1946

Mary L. (Wilbanks) Evans, retired of Kingwood mentioned her happy days as a cheerleader with her friend, Janell (Welden) Wade. Mary was a Phi Theta Kappan and editor of *Apache Pow-Wow*. Mary's daughters, Cynthia Freshnock, is vice president of a marketing research firm, New York City, and Dr. Barbara Evans works for the World Bank, Washington, DC.

1949

Robert V. Talkington of Iola, Kansas, is senior partner in Talkington & Clark law firm. Talkington played Apache football in 1947 and 1948. He received his doctor of law degree from University of Kansas and currently is a member of the State of Kansas Board of Regents. Talkington and his wife, Donna, have five children and five grandchildren.

1950

Jerry Champion of Princeton is enjoying his retirement. He and his wife celebrated their 45th anniversary in 1995. Jerry played Apache basketball. They have six children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Pat McKenna, former cheerleader, is currently working at the Dallas Public Library. McKenna makes his home in Dallas.

1951

John F. Jordan, Ed.D., is scholarship/education officer, U. S. Navy Recruiting District located in Dallas.

1962

Jasper Adams, Ph.D., of Nacogdoches, was recently awarded a \$62,870 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Eisenhower Program for a project titled "Algebraic Thinking in the Elementary and Middle Grades." Adams is chairman, Mathematics Department at Stephen F. Austin

State University in Nacogdoches. The grant provides workshop training for mathematics teachers in the Nacogdoches Independent School District to meet demands of recent curriculum changes requiring algebra of all students, beginning with elementary grades.

1965

David M. Breedlove is financial and estate planner for Breedlove Financial Inc. of Tyler, while his wife, **Tommye K. (King) Breedlove**, is financial officer of Breedlove Financial Inc. of Tyler. Mike and Kay attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he received his bachelor of business administration degree in 1968 and Kay, her bachelor of arts degree in 1967. They have two children, David and Leslie.

1968

Sharon A. (Milligan) Campbell is a teacher at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler. A former Phi Theta Kappan, Sharon received a master's degree in mathematics from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1972. Sharon has a daughter, Kimberly Ann.

Sharon D. (Erhart) Carroll of Dallas is a registered dental hygienist in Garland. She received a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from Caruth School of Dental Hygiene, Baylor College of Dentistry in 1970. Sharon celebrated two anniversaries in 1995, 25 years as a dental hygienist and she and husband, Andy, their 25th wedding anniversary. They have two children, Julie attending Texas A&M University, and Jason at Eastfield Community College.

Joe Cortez is senior manager of operations for Federal Express in Lake Worth, Florida. He has two children, Darik and Kassia.

Carroll B. Harthcock of Round Rock is employed by Associated Home Services Inc. Britt received a master's degree in public administration and finance at University of New

Mexico. He and wife, Donna, have two children.

John R. Himmel of Reno, Nevada, is a teacher with the Washoe County School District. Himmel received a bachelor of science and master's degree in counseling from East Texas State University. He enjoys traveling, hiking, mountain biking and skiing with his son, Ryan, 18 years.

1969

Raymond (Rocky) T. Acostia, city public service electrician in San Antonio, played football at TJC.

Alan A. Harders is a teacher in Birdville Independent School District in North Richland Hills. A graduate of North Texas State University in 1976. Alan's home is in Fort Worth.

1970

Hugh Bob Fuller and wife, **Terryca M. (McCoy) Fuller**, are both 1972 graduates of Stephen F. Austin State University. Terryca, former Apache Belle and husband, Hugh Bob, Apache Band, live in Belleville, Illinois where Bob manages the U. S. Air Force Band. Tennyca is employed as assistant counselor for Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City, Illinois. They have two sons.

James D. Hart is supervisor of maintenance for Stanton Independent School District. Jim played Apache football, and has a daughter, Lindsay.

1971

Bea (Boartfield) Choate is an occupational therapist assistant for Novacare in Birmingham, Alabama. Choate, is a 1996 graduate of University of Alabama in Birmingham with a bachelor of science degree in allied health. She and her husband, Bobby, recently purchased a farm in Waverly, Tennessee where they raise cattle and horses.

Craig Dooley, former cheerleader and student senate president, has four children and is president/owner of Polybutylene Specialties Inc. of Spring. Craig is a graduate of Sam Houston State University, 1995.

William "Mike" Hilliard, of Bullard, is an insurance agent with Hilliard Box Insurance of Tyler. Mike received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M in 1973. Mike has three children, one of which is a member of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2000.

Stephen R. Pardue of Rockwall, is owner of Pardue Company, a real estate development company in Dallas. Pardue is a 1973 graduate of North Texas State University.

1972

Dawn L. Brewster is Chapter I reading and math teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish Schools. Dawn received her master's degree in educational administration and supervision in 1982 from Louisiana State University.

Tony L. and Mini (Shackelford) Outhouse's daughter, Staci, who also attended TJC, was the first runnerup in the Miss Texas-U.S.A. contest in Corpus Christi.

Jody K (Grider) Hisaka teaches secondary education at the Academy of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. The former Apache Belle married and moved to Hawaii in 1980. She and her husband have a daughter Haley, born in 1991. Hisaka has a bachelor's degree in theatre arts from Sam Houston State University and master's degree in health and physical education from East Texas State University.

1973

Frank N. Duncan, former member of the football team, is medically retired and living in Crystal River, Florida. He spends his time sketching and painting. Frank graduated from the University of Texas, El Paso in 1975.

1974

Leann M. (Holcomb) Daniel is owner of East Texas Twister Gymnastics in Canton and Mineola. The former cheerleader/Tau Kappa Sorority member received her master of arts degree from East Texas State University in 1976. She and her husband recently built a new home where they live with their daughter, Emalee Claire.

1975

Jimmie Y. Alford, Jr., of Avinger, is employed by Texas Eastman Company of Longview. Jimmie has two children, Jimmie III and Brandi.

Pamela Kay (Reynolds) Beene is county extension agent-family consumer sciences for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Fairfield. Pamela was a 1977 graduate of Sam Houston State University.

Ted L. Bennett of Jersey City, New Jersey, is employed by Anacomp, Inc. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1977. Ted was a member of the Apache Band.

Penny S. (Portwood) Davidson is self-employed through insurance sales. She has two sons, Clark and Chance.

Deborah L. (Prince) Dishmon is office manager/executive secretary for Williams Home Maintenance of Arlington. She has two sons, Josh and Jonathan.

Derek K. Dorey of Kingwood is national account manager at General Electric Co. in Houston. Derek received a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from The University of Texas at Tyler in 1981. One of his sons, Dorey attends TJC on a golf scholarship.

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Carla Bass, All-USA Academic Team

by Fred Peters

About the only one surprised by the announcement that Tyler Junior College had once again placed a student on the national All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team was Carla D'Nan Bass, this year's representative.

Bass became the sixth TJC student to be named to the prestigious group since the honors program was established in 1990.

A 1994 graduate of Van High School, Bass completed her associate in arts degree with emphasis in journalism on May 11, graduating summa cum laude. She will attend The University of Texas at Austin in the fall.

Bass was one of 20 first-team selections. First-teamers were treated to a breakfast in their honor during the AACC's (American Association of Community Colleges) annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and were featured in the April 15 edition of *USA TODAY*. The national newspaper co-sponsors the annual honors program along with Phi Theta Kappa and the AACC.

Bass is the third first-teamer from the College. Previous All-USA honorees from TJC are Lorie Prescott, Lindale, and Sherilyn Luke, Jacksonville, third team, 1995; Jeremy Coe, first team, Winnsboro, and Tara Lynn Ayers, third team, Mabank, 1993; and Cheryl Phinny, first team, Arp, 1991.

Judy Turman, sponsor of Alpha Omicron, Phi Theta Kappa chapter, said national competition representatives rank TJC among the top five schools in the nation in representation in the annual program.

Students must have a minimum 3.5 grade-point average and have shown evidence of community and extracurricular involvement to be eligible. They must also write an essay on their junior college experience.

Bass credits her academic success and extracurricular involvement to

her participation in Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students of junior, community and technical colleges.

During the summer Bass will continue to serve an internship as a general assignments reporter at the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, where she has worked part-time since graduating from high school. She is also working on an essay on the community college experience for the *High School Girls' Guide to College*.



"This collection of essays written by college women covers different types of colleges and universities, curriculum, campus politics, living arrangements and many other related topics," she explained. "There are a lot of myths about community colleges, such as that they are just vocational schools or are for people who can't make it at four-year universities. I can't wait to dispel these rumors with my essay!"

She is also writing an editorial on federal funding of the arts for 3-5 *PLUS*, the annual magazine published by Phi Theta Kappa. "*The Arts: Landscape of Our Times*" is her honors topic for 1996-97.

"The 500 word essay gives me a satisfying closure to my work with Phi Theta Kappa," said Bass.

Bass was recently notified that she has received a \$15,000 scholarship from

Scripps-Howard, the national newspaper chain's Lighthouse Scholarship. She also received a \$1,000 per year scholarship from UT which is renewable for up to three years.

"I will miss TJC, but I'm also looking forward to the challenge of adjusting to the academic and social life at UT Austin ... I feel that TJC completely prepared me for this next stage in my education and life," she said.

She hopes to work part-time for the *Daily Texan* or another local newspaper and plans to continue the community involvement she came to enjoy with PTK.

Other future plans include a possible internship at CBS News in New York. "They usually have 500 applicants for 60 spots, and I'm the only person they called and offered a position to on the spot—without me even submitting an application," she said. "The VP of CBS saw my 'bio' in *USA TODAY* and told the internship director to call me."

The purpose of the All-USA team is to recognize scholars who excel in class, have intellectual curiosity to pursue academic careers, and cultural enrichment outside the traditional classroom.

"We honor these students to send a message that their talents are those we value most highly," said Tom Curley, *USA TODAY* president and publisher, who presented awards to first-teamers. "They are vivid reminders that we have excellence at all levels of education."

TJC President, Dr. William R. Crowe said he is "very proud of Carla and the history TJC has enjoyed with the All-USA team. It's certainly an honor for her to be one of a handful of students in the nation selected for this team," said Dr. Crowe.

A plaque with photographs of TJC's six All-USA honorees hangs in White Administrative Services Center. There are plenty of spaces left for future selections.

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Virginia (Vicars) Hall practices dentistry with Longbranch Dental, Greenville, Virginia. She received the doctorate of dentistry science degree from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio in 1985.

1977

Jenny L. Nix is currently a full time student at Boise State University where she is completing a teacher's certificate in art, art history and special education. Nix is a 1985 graduate of Southern Methodist University.

1978

Joann (Wylie) Hinsley, former cheerleader and Chamber Singer, is an insurance agent with American National Insurance of Tyler. Joann is the mother of Jana and Judson.

1979

Juan Cruz is a supervisor in the U.S. Postal Service in Tyler.

1980

Lisa D. (Isham) Ellis of Pearland is a teacher at Deer Park Independent School District in Pasadena. A former cheerleader, Sans Souci and secretary of the sophomore class, Ellis received a master of science degree in special education from the University of Houston in 1985. Lisa has a daughter, Michaela Grace.

Ben Harned, is the owner of Harned Chevrolet of Borger. He and his wife, Darla, have three children. Harned is active in many civic organizations including the Second-Nature Planting of the Plains project, which planted trees at Huber Park. Prior to developing his automotive business, Harned was employed as a petroleum technologist.

1982

Alton C. Cox, known as "Sparky" in his cheerleading days, is owner of Draw Three, Inc. in Sherman. He received his bachelor of science degree in economics from Southern Methodist University in 1982.

1983

Janet L. (Turner) Center, senior sales director, Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc., moved to Brandon, Mississippi in 1995 with her husband and children, Cole and Codi. Janet received her associate of science degree in dental hygiene.

Gary Sims, principal of Grand Saline Junior High told us that attending TJC was not only financially the best thing he did, but he believed he received a strong foundation in the basic courses which prepared him well when he transferred to North Texas University in Denton.

Jade Hambright of San Angelo opened an Allstate Insurance franchise.

1984

Marquette Clay is part owner of John Fluitt & Associates Inc., a landscape design company in Oklahoma City. One of their special assignments was the redesigning of the Governor's mansion grounds in Oklahoma City. The former head cheerleader and TJC Student Senate Parliamentarian, received a bachelor of arts degree from University of Houston in 1988.

Tonya K. Folmar is sales director, Mary Kay Cosmetics in Bedford. Tonya graduated from Texas A&M University in 1986.

1987

Dana J. (Pennington) Child is employed with DeHaven Eye Clinic of Tyler. Dana was cheerleader and member of the Student Senate. Dana and husband, Mark, live in Flint.

Robin M. (Rucker) Drozd of Lake Dallas is merchandise manager for Russell Newman located in Denton. A former cheerleader, Robin graduated from Texas Women's University in 1992.

1988

Janet W. (Evans) Henderson of Cedar Hill is employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety in Grand Prairie. Janet has opened a driver's education school.

1989

Coty and Kim (Weaver) Carnes of Flint have a daughter Caitlyn. Kim is a teacher and Coty is in medical sales for Alpha Care. They both are Stephen F. Austin graduates, class of 1991. Kim was cheerleader and member of the Student Senate.

1990

Michele L. Hewitt graduated from Louisiana State University in criminal justice in 1993. Michele makes her home in Lake Dallas.

Heath Huffstetter, a former Presidential Scholar, received a master's degree in business administration this spring from The University of Texas at Tyler.

Harold P. Rogers, former TJC mascot, resides in Grand Prairie. Rogers has appeared in the movies, *Geronimo: An American Legend*; TNT cable television movie, *Geronimo*; television series, *Walker, Texas Ranger* and Public Broadcasting System's children's show, *Wishbone*.

1991

Jason Rabe, former Presidential Scholar, received his doctor of chiropractic from Parker College of Chiropractic, Dallas.

1992

Kelvin R. Clemons of Tyler is a customer care representative for LDDS/Worldcom. Kelvin received a bachelor of science degree in journalism/public relations from East Texas State University.

Linda Fisk, formerly of Seabrook, came to TJC, after receiving a degree from Ambassador College, for her basics when she changed her major to library science. Fisk completed her master of arts degree at University of North Texas. She is a library computer specialist with NASA where she categorized photographs taken in space. An interesting aspect to her position is that she interviews the astronauts to determine from what angles the photographs were taken.

Stacey R. Brookshire of Austin, is employed as a sales associate with American Paging Systems. Brookshire received a bachelor's degree in administrative business and marketing from Stephen F. Austin State University where she received academic scholarships.

Kari Kuenemann recently earned a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from Texas A&M University in College Station. Kuenemann holds two associate degrees from TJC, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and has been employed as a registered dental hygienist three and a half years. Upon graduation, she joined the Wallace corporation which specializes in information management, located in San Antonio.

Karen Bailey, Pittsburg, is a reporter/photographer for the *Pittsburg Gazette*. Bailey graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication and a minor in marketing from Stephen F. Austin State University. While attending TJC, she was a reporter on the *TJC News*.

Jeff Moore, Nashville, Tennessee, singer/songwriter is collaborating with songwriter/producer, Randy Bourdeaux to produce his debut album. Moore's stylistic singing has quickly gained the respect of the music community. Moore has performed with such country greats as Mel McDaniel, Randy Travis, Mark Chestnut, Loretta Lynn, Hank Williams, Jr., and his legendary uncle, George Jones.

James F. Starling is employed by Southwest Dairy in Tyler.

1993

Phoebe Russell, Mexia, represented *Miss Brazos Valley* in the *Miss Texas USA* pageant held on June 29, in South Padre Island Convention Center. Russell attends Texas A&M University where she is a broadcast journalism major and a member of the Society of Professional Journalists.

1994

Petisa F. Benson of Chandler, will graduate from The University of Texas at Tyler in August.

Joe W. Hendrickson makes his home in Tyler and has two daughters, Gail and Susan.

Pamela J. (Chapla) High and her husband, Royden, have both recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin; Pamela received her master's in accounting.

Marquette Maresh, former Presidential Scholar, graduated from the University of Texas in Austin this spring in speech communication. Maresh will begin working on her master of arts degree at Southwest Texas State University in speech communication with an emphasis in family mediation. She was awarded a teaching assistantship.

Jared Weinbrenner, Big Sandy, graduated from Ambassador College this spring.

Jeffery E. Dailey, formerly of Bullard, received a bachelor of science degree in biomedical science from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, College Station this spring.

Susan R. Horrocks will be awarded a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from East Texas State University in 1997. She is currently employed at Hall's Pharmacy in Emory. Horrocks worked in the TJC Media Services and was a cheerleader.

1995

Paul J. Hamlin, graduate, the University of Texas at Austin, 1995 is production supervisor, Crystal Semiconductor, a rapidly growing company in Austin.

Ronnie LeBlanc, of Denver, Colorado has been accepted into the School of Pharmacy, Colorado University.

Jenny Lamance, of Palestine has been accepted into the Occupational Therapy School, Texas Women's University. Jenny is regional vice president of Phi Theta Kappa.

Laura (Potter) Parsons resides in Cincinnati, Ohio where she is a real estate broker assistant for Henry S. Miller, Realtors. Parsons was an Apache Belle and requested her Zeta sorority sisters, Floyd, Crysyp, Ihlo contact her. Parsons is a graduate of University of Texas at Austin, with a bachelor of science in home economics.

Michael W. Jistel is senior credit manager, housing services, Bank of America in Houston, where he and his wife, Sabra, make their home. Jistel was a Sigma Phi Epsilon member and received his bachelor of science degree in finance from University of North Texas in 1990.

1996

Natalie N. Davis of San Angelo will attend Austin College this fall. She graduated cum laude with an associate in arts degree in natural science. Davis has been awarded the Margaret Elaine Caine Foundation Scholarship valued at \$10,000, and an American Association of University Women scholarship, valued at \$1,500.

Marriages

Leon Heard and **Michell Racine Ballinger**, '87, Tyler, TX ... George Lee Rainey Jr. and **Angelia Renee Barrett**, '93, Tyler, TX ... **Jeffery Thomas Bates**, '96, and **Jennifer Carol Hall**, Flint, TX ... **Robert Allen Billings**, '96, and **Courtney Leigh Shelton**, '96, Tyler, TX ... William Michael Hill and **Susan Evon Bolton**, '85, Flower Mound, TX ... Bruce T. Sims and **Tammy Sue Booker**, '92, Cedar Park, TX ... **Ky Boyer**, '96, and **Tracy Grimes**, '96, Tyler, TX ... Gregory Scott Winters and **Misty Nicole Brisbon**, '95, Tyler, TX ... **Brady Brooks**, '94, and **Jeana Renee Pierce**, '95, Oklahoma ... **Justin B. Burrage**, '95, and **Sandy A. Stegall**, '95, Tyler, TX ... **Benjamin Burt**, '88, and Sally Roberts, Dallas, TX ... **Paul Carpenter**, '90, and Karen Allen, Tyler, TX ... **Kenneth Harris Carson**, '95, and **Tammi Michelle Linville**, '93, Tyler, TX ... Mike Rowan and Loree Casey, '94, Tyler, TX ... **Michael Jason**

Chastant, '96, and Tiffani LaShelle Langford, '96, Red Springs, TX ... Andy Clayton and Mandy Parker, '96, Tyler, TX ... Jerry James Gentry and Jennifer Whitney Cox, '96, Troup, TX ... David Erik Eikner and Gena Michelle Edwards, '96, Tyler, TX ... Greg S. Roach and Jill Fitzgerald, '91, Houston, TX ... Wesley Michael Williams and Tamara Leann Gage, '95, Tyler, TX ... Casey Ryan Gilliam, '95, and Tamenie Ann Blankenship, '95, Flint, TX ... Chad Gray, '94, and Christie Hibbard, '95, Tyler, TX ... Andrew William Green and Sarah Elizabeth Wright, '96, Tyler, TX ... Matthew Michal and Sonja Hall, '91, San Antonio, TX ... Keith Edward Harmon II, '93, and Carole Ruescher, '95, Tyler, TX ... Kevin LaMont Harris and Melondy Elaine Sheppard Cooper, '93, Tyler, TX ... James Ray Hawes and Jamie Michelle Lowe, '96, Jacksonville, TX ... George Dennis Wilks Jr. and Pamela Yvonne Henderson, '85, Mineola, TX ... Payton Maxwell and Karen Hendrick, '94, Tyler, TX ... James Michael "Mike" Hickman, '96, and Hilary Brooke Evans, Tyler, TX ... William Hill, '94, and Jennifer Gardner, '94, Tyler, TX ... Ricky Savage and Holly Hopson, '90, Tyler, TX ... Joseph E. C. Blice and Jennifer Anne Jones, '93, Norman, OK ... Stephen Christopher Short and Kimberly Elizabeth Killian, '95, Tyler, TX ... Donald Layton and Jennifer LeGard, '94, Crockett, TX ... Aaron Wade Lester, '90, and Ariko Sato, Boring, OR ... Jason Nathaniel Long, '95, and Melissa Louise Thompson, '96, Tyler, TX ... David Bryant Love, '84, and Angela Joyan Bond, Plano, TX ... Christopher Blake Lumley, '89, and Heather Christine Bates, Tyler, TX ... Steven G. Mims and Yolanda D. Mackey, '92, Denton, TX ... Melvin Orlando Massenburg, '90, and Venicia Roshale Leadon, Tyler, TX ... Kevin Eugene Harris and Princess LaTiffani Shrencé Massenburg, '95, Waco, TX ... Jim McClenny, '94, and Hollie Scott, Lindale, TX ... Collins DeLoach and Holly McGaughey, '94, Denver, CO ... Shelby Herber and

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Apache Football Schedule

- Sept. 7 Georgia Military College, 1:30 p.m.
14 MIDDLE GEORGIA COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
 21 *Blinn College, 7 p.m.
 28 *Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 5 ***NAVARRO COLLEGE**, 3 p.m.
 12 * Cisco College, 3 p.m.
17 *RANGER COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
 26 *Trinity Valley Community College, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 2 ***KILGORE COLLEGE**, 3 p.m. (Homecoming)
 9 *Conference Playoffs
 16 *State Championships
**=Conference Games
 (Bold type indicates home game)*

Apache Soccer Schedule

- Sept. 1 Sam Houston State University, 4 p.m.
 2 San Jacinto College, 1 p.m.
6 RICHLAND COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
 7 Central Kansas CC, 4 p.m.
 11 Mountain View CC, 4 p.m.
 14 Young Harris CC, 4 p.m.
 15 Meridian CC, 2 p.m.
 19 Hill College, 5 p.m.
28 SAN JACINTO COLLEGE, 4 p.m.
29 MERIDIAN CC, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 3 Phoenix College, 7 p.m.
 4 Kansas City CC, 7 p.m.
 6 Johnson County CC, 10 a.m.
9 MOUNTAIN VIEW CC, 7 p.m.
11 HILL COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
13 HINDS CC, 12 noon
 18 Richland College, 7 p.m.
 27 Hinds Community College, 1 p.m.
(Bold type indicates home game)

Apache Volleyball Schedule

- Aug. 24 Grayson County (Scrimmage), TBA
 Sept. 11 Hill College, 4:30 p.m.
 13-14 San Jacinto Tourney
30 NAVARRO COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 2 **JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE**, 7 p.m.
 4 Lon Morris College, 7 p.m.
 9 Panola College, 7 p.m.
 11 Navarro College, 7 p.m.
 14 Jacksonville College, 7 p.m.
16 LON MORRIS COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
21 PANOLA COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
23 NAVARRO COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
 24 Hill College, 7 p.m.
25 JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
 28 Lon Morris College, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 1 Panola College, 2 p.m.
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In Memoriam

1930

Bernice D. Watson, 84, Tyler, May 9.

1936

James "Happy" Shahan, 80, Brackettville, January 26.

1951

Clinton B. Barton, 73, Overton, May 30.

1952

C.J. "Jack" Stubbs, 63, Mathis, June 10.

Mary Ann (Ward) Hickerson, 59, Anaheim, California, June 20.

1963

Majorie "Kathy" Bright, 52, Tyler, May 18.

1964

Dr. Marcia Miller Evans, 51, a Tyler veterinarian, April 2.

1967

Ann (Hensel) O'Leary, 47, Waco, December 18, 1995.

1969

Gary G. Cox, 46, Orvilla, March 24.

1972

James D. Everett, 51, Whitehouse, February 17.

1974

Glenn E. "Hunker" Clark, 45, Tyler, June 11.

1977

Obbie L. Williams, 38, Tyler, May 6.
Lavator B. Caldwell, 69, Tyler, May 19.

1978

Betty L. (Turner) Powell, 48, Tyler, February 3.

1982

Charles E. Starling, 52, Grandview, Missouri, June 2.

Barbara J. Elliott, 61, Tyler, July 1.

1983

James C. Cotner, 35, Dallas, May 25.

1985

Roger D. McEnturff, 31, Edgewood, July 2.

1987

Dean "Jeff" Hightower, 27, LaRue, July 7.

1989

Mark "Slot" H. Mraz, 26, Ennis, May 5.

1990

Shaun Powell, 35, Tyler, April 25.

1995

LaMeshi "Shay" Walker, 18, Swan, June 20.

TJC Family

Isaac Christopher "Ike" Sanders, 104, of Tyler, died March 17, in Tyler. Sanders graduated from Tyler High



School in 1911, received a bachelor's degree in physics from Rice University in 1916 (the first graduating class) and received a master's degree from the

University of Texas in Austin.

Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army as second lieutenant in field artillery. Unable to go to Europe after contracting the 1918 flu, he left the Army and moved back to Tyler where he worked as a reporter at the *Tyler Tribune*.

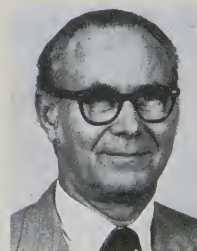
He created the Geophysics Department at Texas A&M to "fill a need for science in the oilfields of Texas."

After 23 years as a physics professor at Texas A&M, he returned to Tyler in 1944 and founded the physics department at Tyler Junior College, retiring in 1976 at age 85. He was a member of First Christian Church, Tyler.

Memorials were made to the Isaac C. Sanders Science Scholarship at TJC.

Joseph Kirshbaum, 69, instructor/director of music from 1950-1976, died January 27, 1995 at his home in La Jolla, California. His interment was in Rose Hill Cem-

etry, Tyler. Kirshbaum, a graduate of Yale University School of Music, was



a violinist, conductor and music teacher. His career also included teaching at Cornell University, Oberlin College, Bethany College and North

Texas State University.

Doris Ann Dey Miller, instructor/director, vocational nursing from 1980-1983, died February 26, 1996.

Florence Golenternek Strum, 88, of Tyler, died May 24. Strum was a well known local philanthropist who gave generously of her time as well as her resources.

She was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

Strum and her late husband, Marcus, endowed the Mr. and Mrs. Marcus L. Strum Presidential Scholarship in 1990.



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BACK PAGE

by Pat Logan

Pleasures Beyond 60

I'd like to go on record as declaring that there is much to be said for the retirement years. In fact, we can describe this period of time beyond 60 as having a multitude of positive points ... Well, at least two.

1. Getting in at the cinema for less money. (In my early 50's, I took my three grown children to a movie and the young lady in the box office handed me back too much change. Grinning broadly, the offspring realized what had happened before I did. I counted it twice; suddenly the light bulb above my head went on. I put the money in my purse and I asked the girl in my sternest teacher voice if she had given me the reduced senior citizen's rate.

With big eyes, she swallowed twice and nodded. "I don't qualify, but I am going to keep the extra change anyway," I said. (The children by this time were guffawing raucously and I was happy to have afforded them so much amusement.)

2. Finally, FINALLY, being able to score in the highest category of the Reader's Digest Word Power tests.

(Alas, my ability at Scrabble and crossword puzzles hasn't improved in the least.)

And what has actually gone downhill is the ability to play games that require quickness or dexterity or recalling what was done the play before.

Two of my grandchildren, ages 10 and 14, are especially game-centered.

They are ever-so-patient as they try to explain the rules and techniques to their slow-witted but well-meaning grandmother. And when the game is finished, with my coming in last, naturally, they beseech me with gentleness and kindness and say, "Mama Pat, do you think you can do a little better next time?"

Embarrassing "aid offered" incidents seem to be happening more often. At the supermarket not long ago, I approached the express lane with two lemons, a bag of potato chips and a box of Kleenex. Sacking these, the sweet young thing inquired with solicitation, "M'am, will you need some help with this?"

Of course, I should have just said "No thank you." But, in a tone falsely honeyed and mostly sarcastic I found myself muttering, "When I need help with that size sack, I'll be in bad shape."

Then there was the day at the city recycle plant. I will admit I had struggled a bit with some huge stacks of accumulated newspapers, but the young woman said nothing until I reached into the car and picked up two plastic milk containers and one aluminum can. At that juncture she brightly informed me as we stood among a large group of gathered persons, "I'll bet I could help you with that."

Of course the hard fact is that I will someday need help with two plastic jugs and an aluminum can.

And someday you will too, all you TJC alumni in your 20's and 30's.

And how about this exchange on the telephone:

The dentist's office called for my semi-annual checkup. Agreeing on a date, the receptionist, who looks as if she might still be in junior high, asked if 11 a.m. would be all right. I hesitated but just to check my calendar to see what other events I might have scheduled prior to 11. Obviously misunderstanding the pause, she assured me, "Now if that's too early for you to get out—"

Here are two of my favorite epigrams about the aging process:

1. This appeared in the Wall Street Journal—

"Ever notice how much better Those tales from our youth depict us As the years leave fewer witnesses Who are able to contradict us?"

2. In the wake of the media's massive coverage of political candidates' past sexual peccadilloes, somebody remembered four lines by Dorothy L. Sayers, the British mystery writer and theologian of the 1930's—

"As I grow older and older And totter toward the tomb I find that I care less and less Who goes to bed with whom."

The best attitude for the inevitable movement of time was expressed by the late George Burns. "It's okay to grow older," he intoned, waving his cigar, "but just don't ever grow old." 🏠

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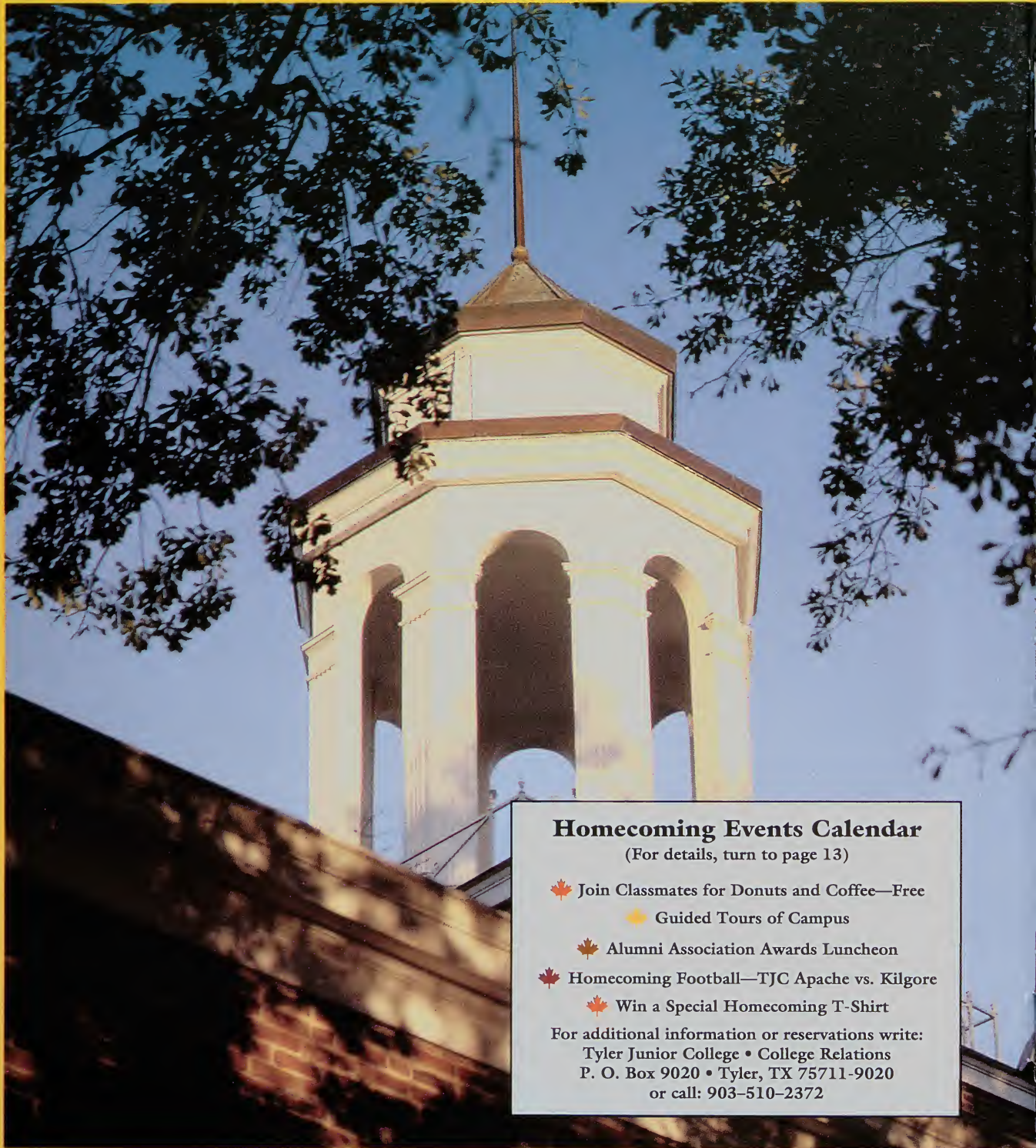
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- 🍁 Guided Tours of Campus
- 🍁 Alumni Association Awards Luncheon
- 🍁 Homecoming Football—TJC Apache vs. Kilgore
- 🍁 Win a Special Homecoming T-Shirt

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